Defaulters to BSNL

467. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CAG has listed some defaulters who owe crores of rupees of BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government are taking to realise the amount from these defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The latest report (No. 6 of 2001) of the C&AG of India has not listed any defaulters owing crores of rupees to BSNL. One of its paragraphs (No. 9.4), however, relates continuance of telephone facilities inspite of default of payment of bills, which has reportedly resulted in accoumulation of dues of Rs. 1.26 crore.

(c) Steps taken to realize the amounts due include disconnection of telephones, adjustment of deposits available with BSNL, and legal proceedings.

MTNL officers/workers in Vigilance Wing

†468. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the officers/employees working in Vigilance Wing in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi and Mumbai for three or more years; and

(b) by when, such officers and employees would be transferred to some other places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The number of officials working in Vigilance Wing of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for three or more years are as follows:

	Delhi	Mumbai
Group 'A'	2	6
Group 'B'	13	5
Group 'C'	25	25
Group 'D'	6	11

(b) As per practice in force officers/officials who have completed more than six years are only considered for transfer out of the unit in the interest of service.

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